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# The Kenyon Collegian

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## New Kids on the Hill

Greetings, Class of 2023!

Welcome to Kenyon College. By choosing to attend this small hilltop school in rural Ohio, you have entered into a storied community. Many students have lived in the room that you now call home and many will come after—but for now, you have (roughly) four years here to make your impression upon this place and to come away from here (hopefully) with a preparedness and passion for your post-collegiate life.

The *Kenyon Collegian* was founded in 1856 and continues to operate today as a newspaper for the College and for the Village of Gambier. We publish every Thursday and we are free of charge to both students and residents of Gambier. We are here to report the stories that matter to you, to serve as the College and town's newspaper of record and to do what newspapers do best: hold those in power accountable through a diligent search for the truth, and provide a breadth of reporting. We cover not only the latest news stories, but also sports, arts and features, and foster debate and dialogue through our opinions pages.

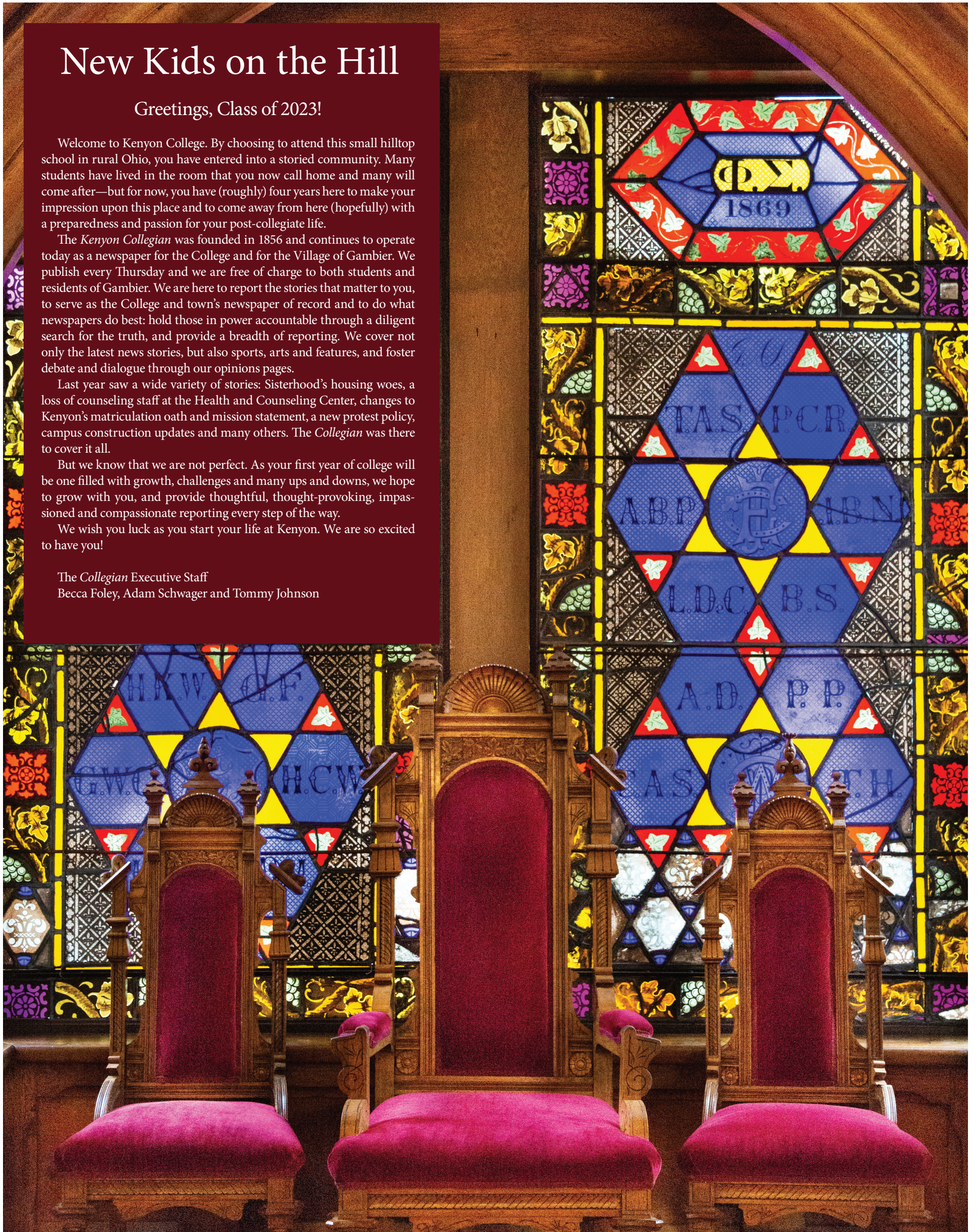
Last year saw a wide variety of stories: Sisterhood's housing woes, a loss of counseling staff at the Health and Counseling Center, changes to Kenyon's matriculation oath and mission statement, a new protest policy, campus construction updates and many others. The *Collegian* was there to cover it all.

But we know that we are not perfect. As your first year of college will be one filled with growth, challenges and many ups and downs, we hope to grow with you, and provide thoughtful, thought-provoking, impassioned and compassionate reporting every step of the way.

We wish you luck as you start your life at Kenyon. We are so excited to have you!

The *Collegian* Executive Staff

Becca Foley, Adam Schwager and Tommy Johnson



Light radiates through stain glass windows in the historic Nu Pi Kappa, a quiet study space, located on the third floor of Ascension Hall, built in 1859. | CAMERON PETERS



# As fall season approaches, Kenyon sports eye early success

Coaches make final preparations, look to finalize rotations with slate of games set to begin.

## Football

**JACKSON WALD**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Kenyon Lords football team returns to action on September 7 against The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The Lords enter the season with a sense of confidence that has been absent in recent years. While the Lords have lost their last 26 games, including two winless seasons in a row, they now sport a new head coach, a quarterback who holds the campus records for career passing yards. Additionally, 22 new first years are prepared to learn from the veterans.

The Lords' new head coach, James Rosenbury II, was most recently the offensive line coach, special teams coordinator and director of football and recruiting operations for fellow National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III school Macalester College (Mn.).

Aside from player and team development, Rosenbury hopes to also focus on another aspect of the game: building a positive team culture.

"For us, it's been this mentality of 'Next One Wins.' Doing your very best at every opportunity—not just on the football field, but in the classroom and in their social lives. Just having great experi-

ences across campus in everything they do," Rosenbury said. "We've really emphasized this, and made sure that [when] something good happens, great, next one wins. Something bad happens? Even better; next one wins, let's learn from our mistakes and fail forward next time."

The Lords also are looking forward to the return of starting quarterback Thomas Merkle '20 for his senior season. Merkle is statistically the most decorated quarterback in Kenyon football history, holding the records for most passing yards in a career (8,248) and pass completions (850), and is only four attempts away from the record of 1,439 passing attempts (he is currently at 1,435). If Merkle gets over 2843 passing yards this season, he will finish his career with the top three single-seasons in Kenyon history. Merkle finished the 2018 season with 12 passing touchdowns and 2,398 yards.

Regardless of the outcome of the 2019 season, Rosenbury has high hopes for the long-term future of the Kenyon football program.

"The sky's the limit for Kenyon football," Rosenbury said. "As long as every year we are maximizing our team potential, to me, that's success."

“For us, it's been this mentality of 'Next One Wins.' Doing your very best at every opportunity...

**James Rosenbury II, Head Coach**

## Field Hockey

**JACKSON WALD**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Kenyon field hockey begins their season with a game against Centre College (Ky.) on Friday August 30. The Ladies have won their last two matches against the Centre Praying Colonels, including a 1-0 victory in the season opener last fall.

The Ladies are led by head coach Jacque DeMarco, who has compiled a 96-

43 record during her first eight seasons at Kenyon and has guided the Ladies to two North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championships.

The Ladies started the 2018 season strong, recording 9 wins in their first 13 games. However, a late-season skid derailed their championship hopes, as they dropped their last five matches and ended the season with a .500 record. De-

spite this, the Ladies lost eight of their matches by only one goal.

Entering the 2019 season, the Ladies have six incoming first years to bolster the roster, while also retaining their top five scorers from 2018, led by Sarah Metzmaier '22 (7 goals) and Tara Shetty '21 (6 goals). The Ladies hope that this fusion of youth and leadership can drive them to success in the 2019 season.

## Men's and Women's Soccer

**JORDY FEE-PLATT**  
SPORTS EDITOR

A new season will begin on Friday, August 30 for both the men's and women's soccer teams. The Lords will host Ohio Christian University in their home opener at Mavec Field, while the Ladies will travel to play Baldwin Wallace University at the Herb Lauffer Memorial Women's Soccer Tournament in Erie.

The women's team recently returned to Gambier following a trip to Europe. Goalkeeper Darien Byrum '22 found their travels to be a vital learning experience and "a great time for the upperclassmen to get

even closer to each other and to also improve on [their] game fitness." Since their return to the States, the goal of training has shifted towards welcoming their first years to the squad. "Our biggest goal is to incorporate the [first years] into our team," Byrum said. They will look to improve

on their 8-6-3 finish in 2018, which ended with a North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) semifinal loss to the

College of Wooster.

The Lords will be forced to fill the void of seven graduated seniors after an 18-1-3 overall finish and a round of 16 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) appearance. However, with 12 sophomores and a group of seniors, led by captain Max Taylor '20, bringing their valuable postseason experience back to campus, this year's Lords look to be an experienced and accomplished team.

“Our biggest goal is to incorporate the freshman into our team.

**Darien Byrum '22**

## Volleyball

**JORDY FEE-PLATT**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Kenyon volleyball team will begin their season on Friday, August 30 with a game against Case Western Reserve University, one of the three matches they will play in the Case Western Reserve University Spartans Invitational this weekend.

Eight first years, hailing from six different states, are welcomed to the squad by second year coach Kendra Mosher. They will need to cushion the loss of five recently-graduated seniors, including Alexi Donnelly '19 and Delaney Swanson '19, who ended her career ranked third in program history for career kills.

The Ladies finished with

a 16-12 record last season, which earned them the fourth seed in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), where they fell to the formidable Wittenberg University Tigers. The Ladies begin the 2019 season with a streak of difficult matches, and in order to win the NCAC, they will have to face another slew of tough opponents.

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# Four new hires join Counseling Center

One part-time and three full-time counselors join the Center's team.

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The Cox Health and Counseling Center is in the process of returning to full staff after the loss of five counselors over the course of six months: Nikki Keller, Sarah Gabric and Elizabeth "Libby" Ladrach left at various points last semester. The other two counselors, Peter Oduwole and Lindsay Miller, departed over the summer.

"In the past, we've never really had a plan on how to operate our center," Chris Smith, director of health and counseling, said. "Students show up, we see them. Students show up, we see them. And the next thing you know the school year ends."

Over the summer, the Center hired one part-time mental health counselor and three full-time counselors, including one clinically trained psychologist. Yet they are still understaffed in comparison to past years when there were six full-time counselors at the Center.

"While I feel very positive and excited about the future of the Counseling Center, I do wish we were fully staffed right now," said Meredith Bonham '92, Vice President for Student Affairs. "And we're just not."

While some changes in the Counseling Center have been in reaction to internal events, many are proactive measures based on an external evaluation that occurred just after spring break. The external review was conducted by David Walden, director of the Counseling Center at Hamilton College, who put forward a list of recommendations following his time at Kenyon.

One of these recommendations was to redefine the role of Mike Durham, who at the time had been serving as associate director of the Counseling Center.

"His professional licensure is as a drug and alcohol counselor, so he's not independently licensed for mental health," Smith said. "So we needed to get him doing a role that was more aligned with drug and alcohol counseling."

When he returns from medical leave, Durham is set to become the associate director for substance abuse and case management. His new responsibilities notably include a liaison role for instances of case management: determining how to help students with more multi-pronged issues that might require external

mental health services.

"If a student ends up leaving campus and going to an inpatient facility, whoever's been the counselor on-call becomes the case manager too," Smith said. "So that means in addition to seeing students you're trying to navigate talking to off-campus entities. Now, Mike will be the singular point of contact because we're going to shape his schedule so that he has free time for those duties, for the substance abuse duties and also for supervising the groups like Beer and Sex and Peer Counselors."

This decision also opens up the position for a new associate director — a role that Smith says is integral to reworking the center's modus operandi.

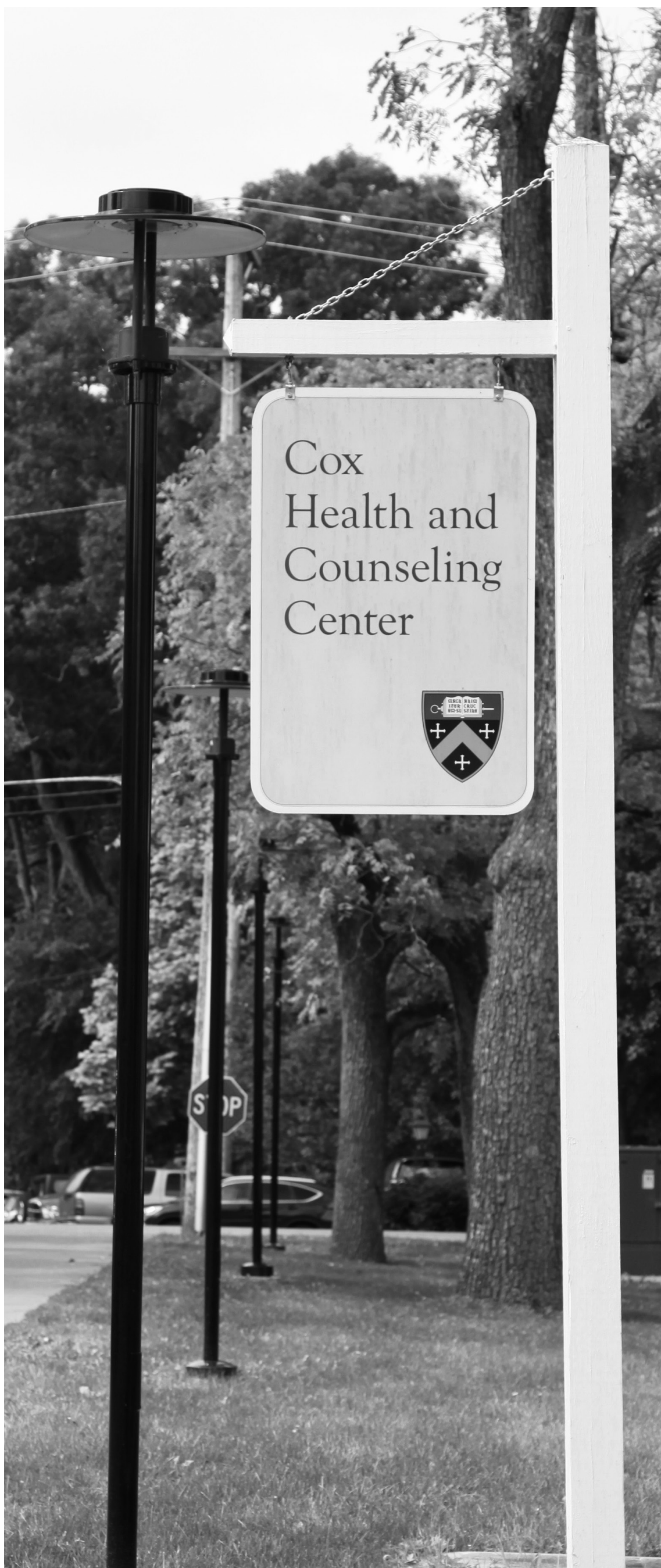
"There is a national shortage right now for mental health professionals, and that shortage is particularly acute in rural areas," Bonham said. "And so we're challenged by our ability given our location to find someone who has the right qualifications and skills to serve in that role here at Kenyon."

"The goal is to have somebody who can lead that team, create a vision for that team, maybe help us think about crisis walk-in hours, maybe help us think about embedding counselors," Smith said.

Whoever is appointed as director is going to be a licensed professional counselor with a supervision credential (LPC-S), which has two staffing benefits. First, it allows the other counselors to advance their own licenses. Second, it brings about the opportunity for graduate interns to work at the center, which would provide more slots for students in need of counseling.

"In the past, if a student came and demanded to be seen, we bumped somebody," Smith said. "And that's not cool. Because if you've got a scheduled appointment and you've managed with whatever coping skills and resilience that you had and it's still important for you to see somebody, we want to honor that."

The Counseling Center is open to all students from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made in person or by calling the Counseling Center at 740-427-5643. For 24/7 Emergency Support after-hours, call 740-427-5000 and ask to speak with the counselor on call. For additional support, while not confidential, Peer Counselors can be contacted at [peercounselors@kenyon.edu](mailto:peercounselors@kenyon.edu).



The Counseling Center is still in search of a new, licensed associate director. | BEN NUTTER



# Pelotonia cyclist John Looker faked cancer for over a decade

The annual central Ohio fundraiser for cancer research holds its race's finish line in Gambier.

**SAM BRODSKY**  
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FEATURES EDITOR

For ten years, Columbus resident John Looker convinced the world that he was fighting brain cancer. Looker was a vocal participant in Pelotonia's summer bikeathon for cancer research, which has some of its finish lines in Gambier. In central Ohio, he accumulated a large fan base, who themselves "Looker's Hookers" and pledged money to his fund as well as participating in the bikeathon in his name. Looker had long, emotional email exchanges with his fans, most of whom had been diagnosed with or lost loved ones to cancer.

Looker ran an active Facebook account, where he would post regular updates about his condition. "The cancer has metastasized into the pelvis," wrote Looker in 2013. "Chondrosarcoma is the best guess, but it all boils down to cancer." Posts like these, where Looker's tumors seemed to move around his body without a recognizable pattern, were the first signs that something was amiss.

In 2018, it was revealed Looker faked his cancer. On July 31 of this year, Pelotonia's President and Chief Executive Officer Doug Ulman published an open letter on the organization's website denouncing Looker. "There are still feelings of deep disappointment and a sense of betrayal over John's deception," Ulman wrote.

Pelotonia established Gambier as a finish line in the summer of 2011, when the organization decided they wanted more variety in their bike routes. They made a proposal to Mark Kohlman, the College's chief business officer and avid cyclist. "I knew of the ride, and I knew it would be a great thing for Kenyon," Kohlman said.

Though he had been riding for eight years, Kohlman had never heard of John Looker



Cyclists at a Pelotonia bikeathon in Columbus this July. The news of John Looker's settlement broke shortly before the charity races began. Kenyon has hosted the bikeathon since 2011, providing more diverse biking routes for Pelotonia participants. | ERYN POWELL

until the news broke out. He expressed disbelief at the lies and Looker's story. "I just can't understand at all how somebody would hatch a plan like that and start telling people, their friends ... People do crazy things, right?"

Though there is only one more year left in the agreement between Gambier and Pelotonia, Kohlman hopes that the town will continue to act as the finish line in the future. "This wasn't a Pelotonia scandal; it was a John Looker scandal," said Kohlman. "Our relationship with Pelotonia has

nothing to do with that."

In early August, The New York Times released an article on John Looker titled "He Was the Face of a Bike-a-thon to Fight Cancer. He Was Also a Fake" written by Abby Ellin, a regular contributor to the paper and author of the book *Duped: Double Lives, False Identities, and the Con Man I Almost Married*. She came across the story through a friend in Columbus who heard rumors that Looker had been faking his illness. In the early stages of her researched Ellin

**“People do crazy things, right?”**

**Mark Kohlman,**  
**Chief Business Officer**

reached out to Looker directly. "I tried for months, trying to talk to him, but he didn't want to talk. Then I tried talking to the people in Pelotonia, [but] they weren't taking calls and the spokesperson wouldn't answer any questions," Ellin said.

Ellin spoke with dozens of victims who felt betrayed by Looker. "I had to be very sensitive," Ellin said, "because they felt like idiots ... I understand [their feelings]. You wouldn't expect anybody to do this—because, I mean, why would they?"

Over his decade-long deception, Looker embezzled \$1,000, which he had earned for Pelotonia in a garage sale. According to Ellin, Looker claimed that he was "strapped for cash."

She speculates that his motive was largely emotional. "I think he did it from a place of gross insecurity," she said. "He wanted the attention — he was a rockstar in town, people adored him. It gave him status and purpose."

The attorney general's office announced a settlement in which Looker cannot volunteer or work at another charitable organization in Ohio, and he agreed to pay \$2,000 in a civil fine plus \$1,800 for the money he embezzled. However, the police did not pursue legal action, and he was not charged with a crime.

According to Ellin, his future is not in serious danger. "This is America," she said. "He'll be fine."

## Important dates to watch for:

**Thursday, Aug. 29:** Classes begin, Drop/Add period begins

**Thursday, Aug. 29 & Friday, August 30:** Rummage sale at the Gambier Community Center

**Friday, Aug. 30:** Opening reception for fall exhibitions ("Alumnae: 50 Years," "Probably Chelsea" and "Hue, Saturation, Value: The Archer Paintings") at the Gund Gallery, 5-8 p.m. & Community Feast on Middle Path, 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 31:** Student Involvement Fair 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Kenyon Athletic Center

**Tuesday, Sept. 3:** PB&J Tuesday at the Gund Gallery, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 6:** Last day of Drop/Add period

**Friday, Sept. 13:** Celebrating 50 years of women at Kenyon

**Friday-Sunday, Sept. 27-29:** Celebrating 50 years of the Black Student Union



# Richard Serra sculpture will tower above students in the West Quad

CHAMELI BELK-GUPTA  
ARTS EDITOR

Richard Serra's sculptures have adorned a vast array of locations across the globe: the Qatari desert, the streets of New York City and the coast of New Zealand, to name a few. In June 2020, a new Serra sculpture will find a home in Gambier, Ohio.

The sculpture, a gift from Graham '63 and Ann Gund, will join new admissions and academic buildings and the new Kenyon Commons Library in the West Quad. While the piece will be installed at Kenyon in June, it will not be open to the public until the quad's construction is fully complete.

Serra has been active in the art world since the early 1960s. While studying English at the University of California at Berkeley and Santa Barbara, he supported himself by working in Bay Area steel mills. The knowledge of steel he acquired during this time inspired him to work with the medium to create sculptures.

Serra's pieces are characterized by their massive scale: Steel cements itself into heavy angular slabs and curls into colossal sheets reminiscent of ocean waves. The sculptures dwarf the viewer, distorting

their relationship with space and time.

The currently untitled sculpture coming to Kenyon will consist of five enormous weathering steel panels. The 60-ton plates will stretch 60 feet in the air, leaning together into a seven-foot opening to the sky.

Though unique, the piece will be comparable to "Connector," a tower Serra constructed in Orange County, Calif., and "Vortex," another tower Serra built in Fort Worth, Texas.

The viewer's experience of the sculpture will largely depend upon the climate and their position in relation to the statue.

"If it's a sunny day, it's going to be one experience. If it's cloudy, it's another experience and if it's snowing that'll be different. You can make noise when you are in it and it will echo. It's not just something you look at, it's something you can interact with," said Katherine Solender, Interim Director of Gund Gallery.

The statue will offer a place

of unity to Kenyon's campus. "It's exciting in this context because there are not too many pieces like this in the context of a small college," Solender said. "I think Serra likes the idea that it becomes a gathering place and that students and others around Kenyon would be attracted to it."

“There are not too many pieces like this in the context of a small college.”

**Katherine Solender, Interim Director at the Gund Gallery**

was tested in a wind tunnel in Canada to ensure its sturdiness, and work on the sculpture itself will begin this fall in Germany before its transport to Kenyon in June.

Despite the challenges of engineering, the sculpture, once placed, will be something that everyone can interpret in their own way.

Solender explained that, for Serra, "there is not necessarily some kind of meaning; there is not a poetic reference. It's not spiritual or religious or something for him. It's what you make of it and he's making a space for you to make something of it."

# After lottery, ResLife rehouses upperclassmen

ELLIE KLEE  
NEWS EDITOR

Over the summer, the Office of Residential Life (ResLife) reassigned an undisclosed number of students to rooms other than the ones they selected in the spring housing lottery. The reassigned students included eight upperclassmen living in doubles on the second floor of Mather Hall.

In a July 10 email to the eight students, Coordinator of Housing and Office Operations Beth Pae wrote that the move was necessary "to fulfill Kenyon's commitment to housing all of our first-year students together." Pae asked the recipients whether they would prefer a residence hall double or an apartment double, and if they would like to live on North or South campus. She then informed them that they would receive a new room assignment by the beginning of August.

Roommates Greta Propp '22 and Grace Connery '22 were able to choose between a room in Watson or one on a higher floor of Mather. "Knowing that our class was over-enrolled ... it was a little stressful at the time," said Propp. "I wish I'd had better luck in the beginning with my lottery number."

Propp and Connery made their initial room selection on April 23, the final day of the online housing lottery. By that time, ResLife staff had begun adding previously unavailable rooms on the second floor of Mather to the Residence portal.

Fewer upperclassmen lived in Mather last year due to the large size of the class of 2022. According to a *Collegian* article from Aug. 29, 2018, 48 upperclassmen were moved out of the third floor. Associate Director for Residential Life and Assistant Director for First Year Residences Jillian Yoder stated that this year's freshman class was not any larger than ResLife had expected.

Some students were assigned to new rooms for reasons unrelated to the incoming freshman class. This group included "students on the housing waitlist, readmitted Kenyon students, transfer students, and students who had a housing need arise over the summer (i.e. an animal-inclusive space, if they were approved for an Emotional Support Animal)," Yoder wrote in an email to the *Collegian*.

Some upperclassmen in singles were offered different singles because their original room assignments "met a specific condition that [ResLife was] trying to make available for another student," said Yoder. New spaces for the reassigned students became available for a variety of reasons, such as students transferring or taking time off.

"We are diligent in our efforts to make as few reassignments as possible," Yoder said. A lower number of students were moved this year in comparison to previous years.

*Editor's Note: The author of this article was among the students who were rehoused.*

# New director of Campus Safety settles into life on the Hill

Michael Sweazey comes to campus with 25 years of experience in the Secret Service.

TOMMY JOHNSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On May 22, the College announced that a committee of students, faculty and staff appointed Michael Sweazey as director of Campus Safety. Sweazey officially started on July 1, and outgoing Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper has worked with him in a limited capacity through the summer to ensure a smooth transition.

Sweazey's office is decorated with old badges and police caps, and, with Canadian rock band Rush playing in the background, the new director looked fully settled. With Hooper's going-away party planned for this Friday, Sweazey said Hooper helped him get up to speed.

The appeal of working at a place like Kenyon dates back to Sweazey's own time in college: Sweazey started as an electrical engineering major while at college at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tn. After falling in love with a criminal justice class, Sweazey switched his focus to sociology and began working for the university's campus safety department. After having this experience, Sweazey said he has always wanted to return to working at a college or university.

Sweazey comes to Kenyon after spending 25 years in the United States Secret Service in Atlanta. More recently, Sweazey served as the director of the Office of International Safety and Security at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga., a large university with over 30,000 students.

Support for the new director has come not only from the Campus Safety staff and Hooper, but also of Kenyon and Gambier. "The whole population—the College, the Village and everything—has been really kind to both me and my family, and that's helped out a lot," Sweazey said.

Sweazey says he looks at safety in a very holistic sense. He discussed how a Secret Service study revealed the importance of an emphasis on mental health and wellness for ensuring campus safety.

"College is stressful ... Everybody goes through things. Whether it's just the transition, whether you may be suffering from anxiety, depression, or any other issue, the percentage of people that

are suffering from those things is huge," Sweazey said. "So we need to be there to address it, to help people through it."

Campus Safety will have "a very tight bond" with Chris Smith, director of the Cox Health and Counseling Center, and Kim Cullers, nurse practitioner and associate director of health services, Sweazey said. He is also ensuring that the college's Campus Safety officers are trained in mental health first aid.

While the Campus Safety officers won't be counselors, Sweazey said they will be able to help students and direct them to the resources they need. He is interested not only in working with the Cox Health and Counseling Center but also with departments all across campus. He hopes to make himself widely available.

"I hate sitting here in my office," Sweazey said. "One of the things I loved about the idea of working at a university or a college is being with the students." He said he plans to eat many of his meals at Peirce.

“We want students to know that if they need something at all...we will help them find the right place.”

**Director of Campus Safety Michael Sweazey**



# Library to be “topped-off” with a ceremonial purple beam

Decatur expected to attend as the signed steel gets placed onto the Kenyon Commons.

**ADAM SCHWAGER**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When the Class of 2019 left campus as alumni, the West Quad construction site was hidden from graduation attendees by the wall that stretches across Middle Path. Over the summer, the new library, to be called Kenyon Commons, has sprung up from what was previously referred to as “the pit,” as the construction team and the College try to hold to their finish date of summer 2020.

To celebrate the progress on the Kenyon Commons, the college will be hosting a special community-wide event on September 10. “We’re going to have what’s called a topping-off ceremony where the last — ceremonially the last — steel beam gets put on the roof,” Chief Business Officer Mark Kohlman said.

Leading up to the ceremony, the purple beam will sit on Middle Path, where anyone who wishes to will be able to sign it and “be a part of the building forever,” Kohlman said. “We’ll have a little ceremony with President Decatur, people will sign it and then they’ll lift it up and put it in place.”

Along with the Kenyon Commons, the construction

team has made progress on the other West Quad projects. They have started digging a tunnel which will become the loading dock for the admissions building, and in about two weeks the tunnel will be closed from public view as they start to build the new admissions building on top. The West Quad will also include a parking garage that will house most of the faculty parking. However, according to Kohlman, “the parking ga-

rage is just a giant hole still.”

Kenyon still faces difficulties with completing the project within the initial time frame. “All in all, things are moving at a good pace now,” Kohlman said. “[But] we had our initial delays that we talked about over and over last year that we’re still fighting to deal with.”

While production ramps up on the West Quad, Village construction has almost concluded. The opening of Chilitos will mark the end of a nearly four-year project that saw the relocation of the Village Market, Bookstore and Black Box Theater, along with the construction of new Gaskin Avenue apartments, study spaces and the space that will become Chilitos. While the school has been renovating the two study spaces over the summer, Kohlman expects both of them to be fully open by next Monday.

Chilitos, started by Fiesta Mexicana owner Jose Avalos, is currently hiring as they attempt to pass a final health inspection after a water heating snafu. “We had an unfortunate failure of the hot water heater earlier, and they can’t get their final health inspection if

they don’t have hot water,” Kohlman said. Everything else on the interior has been set up and the sign has been on the front side of the Gaskin Avenue apartments since last April. The restaurant will be the fourth restaurant and third bar in the village, marking the first time Gambier has had this many since the Gambier Grill, more widely known as the Cove, shut down after the fall 2015 semester.

“[The beam] will be a part of the building forever.”

**Mark Kohlman**  
Chief Business Officer



The interior of the construction on the library in the newly created West Quad. | CAMERON PETERS



Kenyon Commons is replacing the Olin and Chalmers Library. | CAMERON PETERS



The new West Quad will also have a faculty parking garage. | CAMERON PETERS



# Kenyon Urban Dictionary

Are you new to campus and don't recognize some Kenyon terminology? Look no further!

MIA SHERIN | OPINIONS EDITOR

**D-Cat:**

Nickname for Kenyon's President, Sean Decatur. This nickname gives him the essence of being chill, cool or hip. We get to use this nickname because we go to a liberal arts school where we have these tight-knit relationships with our faculty and staff. You get it.

**Chilitos:**

That Mexican restaurant. Typically paired with the question: "Anyone know when it's going to open?"

**NCAs:**

Stands for the North Campus Apartments. These are the white houses that students flock to on Fridays and Saturdays, looking for the "lax house," "baseball house" or some other party location. Sometimes fun, usually disappointing.

**Kenyon Married:**

While there are different interpretations, this typically means two people who are in a sustainable relationship, or anything besides just hooking up. So the bar for being Kenyon Married is pretty low.

**Peirce:**

Kenyon's one and only dining hall. The beauty is that since there is only one dining hall, you see everyone you know when you go there. So fun! And the drawback is that, when you go there, you see everyone you know. There is a 120 percent chance that if you are trying to avoid someone, you will run into them at Peirce.

**Ganter:**

The ADs' social space, sometimes referred to as "The Ganter." Ganter parties are known at Kenyon for actually being really fun. If you're lucky, a visit to the Ganter may transport you to an alternate universe where you attended The Ohio State University. You might even find yourself starting to talk about football. The Ganter does crazy things to Kenyon students.

**Campo:**

Short for Campus Police. But they aren't like any regular Campus Police; they are cool Campus Police. So we call them by a silly, quirky nickname. We love Campo. Campo likes us a normal amount.

**Milks:**

Short for the Morgan Apartments. Wish I could tell you where they are.

**Moxie:**

Black cat that can always be found strutting around campus. He easily has a larger fanbase than the Kenyon football team.

**Old Side:**

The side of Peirce that looks like Hogwarts, dominated by sports teams and Greek Life. If you are not a member of a group with a specific table, entering Old Side brings an immediate fear of whose bench you might be sitting on. Will the lacrosse team swarm at any moment? Am I accidentally bombarding the track table? Taking on Old Side is a true test of bravery.

**New Side:**

The other side of Peirce.

**KAC:**

Stands for Kenyon Athletic Center. A beautiful space to work out, where the sports teams practice in the weight room and other people hide on yoga mats in the

corner. The best part about the KAC is that once you walk there, you've gotten enough of a workout that you can just turn around and go home.

**The KAT:**

Stands for Knox Area Transit. This shuttle is like a bad one night stand: You try it as a first year and think it will be fun, but you always end up in the wrong place, not quite sure how you got there, feeling a little nauseous and full of regret. This shuttle is very reliable in the sense that it will always, without fail, leave you stranded at the Mount Vernon Walmart.

**The Pit:**

Houses our mascots, the Cranes.

**Mods:**

Trying to be the library but not doing a good job. Sometimes people will print there. In case you didn't know where to find these, all you need to know is that they are the ugly trailer-like things on campus. Someone sign them up for Queer Eye.

**Ascension:**

The library.

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# CROSSWORD

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**Across**

- 1. To sit as the Deli to the Bookstore
- 5. Corny core
- 8. Argument fodder, for short
- 12. Danish brick
- 13. To get a 4.00, say
- 14. "That's what she \_\_\_\_!"
- 15. Flags of Scotland and Alabama
- 17. Melody
- 18. Five days of LONG Peirce lines
- 20. Trickster
- 21. Bookstore or Village Market purchase
- 24. Kenyon students, at least for four years
- 28. Lombardian locale
- 29. Diesel dispenser
- 30. Singer spotlight
- 31. Put a video in a PowerPoint, perhaps
- 33. Chase Avenue composition
- 36. Old Kenyon

- topper
- 37. DFW-based airline
- 38. OLs, perhaps
- 44. Pound or slug
- 46. Zendaya HBO drama
- 47. All there
- 48. To be, for you
- 49. Twitches
- 50. Shelled vandal weapons
- 51. Midpoint of Taylor Swift and Lover
- 52. Washingtons

**Down**

- 1. Additionally
- 2. Pooh, for instance
- 3. Unsightly citrus
- 4. Kind of bag
- 5. Lunchroom cup of sorts
- 6. The Indian and Southern are examples
- 7. Tina Turner's "Simply the \_\_\_\_"
- 8. To dumbfound
- 9. Big volcano, on the Big Island
- 10. Hour division

- 11. Like the European anthem
- 16. Machu Picchu inhabitant
- 19. Dogma
- 22. To give a ring
- 23. What is tied at weddings
- 24. Midwestern exclamations
- 25. Wednesday descriptor, with "day"
- 26. Slurping
- 27. Cuts, surgically
- 32. PEEPS ball, come this fall
- 33. To guarantee
- 34. Hoped for a match, if to the right
- 35. Middle \_\_\_\_
- 39. 525,600 minutes
- 40. Kansas' most famous dog
- 41. Anchor Burnett of CNN
- 42. "The Lion King" lyricist
- 43. Peirce Tower office
- 44. Purpose
- 45. To badger

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# Kenyon welcomes class of 2023 at Convocation

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On Sunday, August 25, hundreds of people — parents, students and faculty alike — gathered in the Kenyon Athletic Center for the 2019 Convocation. The ceremony began with an invocation by Priest-in-Charge of Harcourt Parish and Chaplain Rachel Kessler '04. She greeted the class of 2023 with a quote from poet Mary Oliver: “You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert repenting, you only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.”

She reminded the 488 first years and 10 transfer students in attendance that they didn't have to be perfect to be accepted at Kenyon.

“You may have the temptation to show us only the best version of yourself,” Kessler said. “But that is not the only part of you that we welcome to the hilltop this weekend. We welcome you into our community in the fullness of your being.”

Kessler was followed by Diane Anci, Kenyon's dean of admissions. Anci, who had led the application review process, provided some insight into this fall's accepted students. The incoming class comes from 38 states and 25 countries, and 20 percent of arriving students identify as people of color, while 11 percent hail from outside the United States. They were chosen from a group of over 6700 prospective students, making this year's applicant pool the second largest in Kenyon's history.

Anci also praised the achievements of the class of 2023, describing this year's applicants as some of the strongest yet. The average weighted GPA among incoming students was 3.9, and the average first year had taken five AP courses and 4.1 units of science. Anci then listed a wide variety of extracurricular activities, including soccer, hockey, landscaping and ukulele, participated in by just the students whose names began with 'D.'

“While we cherish our geographic diversity, we value even more so the diversity of perspective and experience represented among new students,” Anci said.

Other speakers included Provost Joseph Klesner, Student Council President Delaney Barker '20 and Vice President for Student Affairs Meredith Bonham '92. Bonham thanked the parents of the students for helping their children get to where they were. She discussed a column she had read: “Advice to My College Freshman” by Kelly Corrigan, which listed many of the things that the author, as a parent, wanted to tell her children as they entered college. Bonham said that several of the points had struck her as particularly significant.

“Get some sleep,” Bonham said. “Sleep can really put the world in order. Be patient. Be nice—to yourself, too. Please pay particular attention to that last part.”

Kenyon President Sean Decatur concluded Convocation with an official welcome to the class of 2023.

“Again, welcome, and thank you for being here,” Decatur said. “Let's get started on this next four-year adventure together.”

